

HOUSE RESOLUTION 181
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Gus Middleton on his retirement as director of the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital's pathology lab.

WHEREAS, it was with considerable regret that this general assembly learned of the retirement of Dr. Gus Middleton as director of the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital's pathology lab; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Middleton was born March 30, 1965, in Charleston, South Carolina and completed his undergraduate work at Princeton University in 1952; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded student, he received his doctor of medicine degree from Columbia University in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Middleton served his pathology internship at Columbia Presbyterian Medical School from 1959-1960 and his residency in pathology at the University of Missouri Medical Center 1960-1963, receiving much praise for his work in both jobs; and

WHEREAS, he began work in 1963 at the Jackson-Madison County Hospital as a pathologist, bringing his valuable experience in identifying blood abnormalities to West Tennessee patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Middleton has served admirably as director of the lab for the last fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, his responsibilities evolved into his becoming an information manager and organizer of a strategy to modernize the pathology lab, and under his expert guidance the lab made many improvements designed to enhance its service; and

WHEREAS, one example of his efforts to modernize the lab is the Cryostat machine, which helps identify samples that a surgeon could not otherwise identify; and

WHEREAS, for the last several years, Dr. Middleton has spent most of his time assisting the hospital to become an accredited cancer treatment center; and

WHEREAS, his work in the community includes being one of two doctors who started a school for medical lab technicians at Jackson State Community College, with the first class graduating in 1970; and

WHEREAS, because of his vast experience in the field, he became an accreditor of other schools around the country; there are more than 200 accredited schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, his many honors and accolades aside, Dr. Middleton is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Ann, and their five children; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to recognize the tremendous contributions made by Dr. Middleton to Jackson-Madison County Hospital, his community and profession; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Dr. Gus Middleton on his retirement as director of the Jackson-Madison County Hospital pathology lab, and we wish him well in his future endeavors.